

this week a few days enjoying the comforts and pleasures of home life and attending church. Brother Fox is holding meetings, and we are having good interest, good meetings, and souls are coming to Christ. We are made to rejoice when we read the "good news from a far country" of what is being done among the hills and mountains of Pennsylvania and Virginia, and all over the brotherhood. Bible alone doctrine will stand the test at any pressure that is brought to bear against it, and those who so vigorously opposed the Christening of the infant Brethren church a few years ago have lived to see it grow to the full stature of a man in Christ. Yes Christ is all in all.

I saw the martyr at the stake,
The flames could not his courage shake
Nor death his soul appall
I asked him whence his strength was given
He looked triumphantly to heaven
And answered Christ is all.

May showers of heavenly grace continue to fall. May heaven's sweet chariot swing low to carry the wanderers home.
Yours for eternal life.

WM. W. SUMMERS.
North Manchester, Ind.

MIDDLEBRANCH ITEMS.

We wish to say to the readers of the EVANGELIST that while we have not been reporting very frequently we have not been altogether idle.

We held a protracted meeting at Middlebranch this winter, and while we had good interest and good attendance we had one addition only. A lady about 40 years of age made the good confession and was baptized.

At Georgetown we also had a meeting, but much of the time the weather was much against us, yet God saw fit to bless us and a young lady, a school teacher by profession and a very consecrated Christian, changed her membership from the German Baptist to the Brethren Church. Five were baptized and one yet to be baptized. And we have the assurance that in the near future there will be a number more.

And while our report does not compare very favorably with the Pennsylvania reports, yet we rejoice with them and hope that some time we may also be able to give such blessed news.

I am especially gratified to hear of the success the brethren are having in my old state. We used to think that large revival meetings were almost an impossibility in Pennsylvania and were almost exclusively confined to the Western States. Time has proven that a mistake and no one rejoices more over it than I do.

On last Thursday evening after our re-

turn from prayer-meeting we were surprised to find the house literally jammed with people, and a large table reaching from one end of the room to the other, laden down with the good things of earth. We hesitated a moment but being convinced that it was our own home, we ventured in, and found about fifty of the members of the Middlebranch church who had come together without saying one word to their preacher, to help him remember his forty-first birthday.

After spending an exceedingly pleasant evening together they bid us adieu, all feeling that we were profited by this pleasant event. God richly bless them for their kindness and keep us all faithful until death.

Faternally,

J. L. KIMMEL.

CONVENTION OF HUDSON AND ENON S. S.

The Enon and Hudson S. S. thinking a greater work should be done in the S. S. and to help each other in the work held a convention at Hudson, Ia., Feb. 13.

Wm. Crownover one of Hudson's active workers, and superintendent of the school was chosen chairman of the meeting.

The following subjects were very earnestly discussed:

The Purpose of the S. S. by Wm. Crownover.

Duties of the Superintendent. Eli Hoover.

Relation of the School to Superintendent. Harlin Hollis.

What does my Class Expect of me as a Teacher. R. J. McIsaac.

The Home Study. B. Crownover.

How and When a Child May Grasp the Mind of Christ. J. L. Gillin.

Relation of the S. S. to the Church. Lizzie Hildebrand.

General discussion of Literature of the S. S. and Primary work.

MARY LICHTY, Sec.

A PLEASANT PARTY.

The home of Rev. B. H. Flora and wife who live just across the railroad in Billie Burns' property, was the scene of a pleasant party last Wednesday. About sixty of his parishioners and friends from the Chapel and Highland and friends gathered in on a surprise to himself and his good wife bringing with them a dinner fit for a king to eat besides fruit, lard, flour, corn, oats, potatoes, apples, meat, butter and other edibles of all descriptions. Also, a dress partern for Mrs. Flora and a nice little purse.

Rev. Flora has been here but a short time but it seems long enough for himself and Mrs. Flora to have won many friends both in the church and out of it.

He is now engaged in revival work at

Highlands and is greeted nightly with large congregations and is meeting with success in his pastoral work. The NEWS acknowledges the receipt of some splendid samples of cake used on this occasion and joins the minister's many friends in extending our good will and wishes for future prosperity.—*The News*.

HALLTOWN, VA.

As it has been sometime since Keller has been heard from, I thought I would let you know that we are still alive and working. Brother W. H. Spigle of Meadow Mills, Va., has preached for us once a month since Brother Copp went to Hagerstown. We have preaching at both Kellers and Millville. At the latter place we have a flourishing Sunday-school. During the year there was one baptized. While we have had but one baptism, still there seems to be a live interest among the people and there is every reason to believe that a number of them are studying the teachings of the Bible very seriously. Brother Spigle has and still does work hard and earnestly among us, and we ask the prayers of the brotherhood that his efforts may be crowned with the success he deserves.

Yours for the cause,
ED. L. McCORMIC.

TWELVE MILE, IND.

Elder J. H. Swihart closed a revival at the Corinth Brethren church on Monday evening, February 15. He was suffering from a severe cold at the beginning of the meeting but Brother Hopkins came to his relief, until he was able to assume the work which he did with his old time earnestness. There was a good interest taken and the best of attention given especially during the series of sermons on the "Opening of the Seven Seals," as the book of Revelation is termed by some, the book of "enigmas and mysteries." He cleared all the mysteriousness away and made it so plain that "wayfaring men though fools need not err therein."

On Sunday evening, Feb. 14, the K. C. services was held at the hour previous to the preaching services and as the topic, "What our Denomination is Doing" was introduced by Brother Wilson, and thoroughly discussed by Brother Hopkins, the old soldier of the cross. J. H. S. was prevailed upon to tell what the Brethren church had done, which he did briefly, but with the enthusiasm that an old soldier tells of the battles he has helped to fight and the victories he has helped to win in the late rebellion. It was interesting and instructive to some of the brethren as well as to others to learn that the Brethren church was organized in Germany, perhaps